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SUBJECT: SECOND MFA COMPLAINT ON GERMANARU POPA

HARRASSMENT OF GOR NEW YORK MISSION.

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- 1. DURING MEETING WITH MFA COUNSELOR OFFICIALS, ION LOGHIN AND STELIAN MATEI, ACTIVITIES OF GERMANARU POPA WERE ONCE AGAIN BROUGHT TO EMBASSY OFFICER'S ATTENTION.
- 2. LOGHIN COMPLAINED THAT SINCE JULY 2, POPA HAS CONTINUED TO HARRASS THE GOR N.Y. MISSION. ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIALS, HE HAS MADE MENACES OVER THE TELEPHONE, INSULTED ROMANIAN DIPLOMATS AND CAUSED AN UPROAR OUTSIDE MISSION BUILDING.
- 3. WHAT UPSET MFA OFFICIALS MOST OF ALL, HOWEVER, IS THAT HE HAS "SET UP A TENT" IN FRONT OF THE UN MISSION PROTESTING THAT GOR OFFICIALS WILL NOT LET HIS WIFE LEAVE ROMANIA.
- 4. MFA OFFICIALS HAVE AGAIN REQUESTED THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPARTMENT CONTACT MR. POPA TO TELL HIM WIFE IS

## FREE TO LEAVE ROMANIA ANY TIME SHE WISHES.

- 5. DURING MEETING EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT AS LONG AS MR. POPA DID NOT BREAK THE LAW, HE COULD NOT BE PREVENTED FROM EXPRESSING HIS PERSONAL OPINIONS. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE AGAIN OFFERED TO CONTACT POPA THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT AND INFORM HIM OF GOR WILLINGNESS TO LET HIS WIFE GO ANY TIME SHE WISHED.
- 6. CONSOFF SPOKE PERSONALLY WITH WIFE MIHAELA ON JULY 7. MIHAELA SAID DURING INTERVIEW THAT SHE TOO HAD BEEN INFORMED SHE COULD DEPART ROMANIA WHENEVER SHE WISHED. SHE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SHE HAD NO DESIRE TO DO SO BECAUSE SHE WAS ESTRANGED FROM HER HUSBAND. SHE ALSO GAVE CONSOFF A LETTER WHICH HE IS FORWARDING TO MR. POPA THROUGH DIPLOMATIC POUCH ON JULY 15 EXPLAINING PERSONAL REASONS WHY SHE DOES NOT WISH TO JOINT HER HUSBAND AT THIS TIME.
- 7. ACTION REQUESTED: SUGGEST YOU CONTACT MR.
  POPA AGAIN AND PASS HIM PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM CONSOFF:
  QUOTE: I HAVE SPOKE TO YOUR WIFE, JULY 7TH.
  SHE IS NOT UNDER ANY FORM OF PERSECUTION BY GOR,
  BUT SHE HAS NO DESIRE TO JOIN YOU UNTIL PERSONAL
  PROBLEMS EXISTING BETWEEN HER AND YOU HAVE BEEN
  RESOLVED. FYI: YOUR WIFE'S NAME APPEARED ON
  A LIST OF APPROVALS HANDED ME JULY 9. WHETHER
  SHE JOINS YOU OR NOT IS UP TO HER.
  SHE GAVE ME A PRIVATE LETTER WHICH I AM SENDING
  YOU THROUGH DIPLOMATIC POUCH. END QUOTE
- 8. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON POPA'S ACTIVITIES IN N.Y. BARNES

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